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Career offender is sentenced to more than 21 years in federal prison for dealing in crack cocaine

A federal judge has sentenced **Adam White**, 40, of Providence, to 262 months – nearly 22 years – in prison for trafficking in crack cocaine. Because he has several prior convictions for drug trafficking and violent crime, White is considered a career offender, which lengthened his sentence.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed on June 9 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In March, White pled guilty to possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack). At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie S. Browne said that the government could prove that a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force agent developed information that White was selling crack cocaine in Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls. On four occasions last year, DEA Task Force agents monitored White making crack cocaine sales.

On September 21, White arranged another crack cocaine sale and agreed to meet the buyer in the parking lot of a store on Branch Avenue in Providence. When White arrived in an SUV, Task Force agents moved in to block his vehicle, and, after attempting to flee, White stopped his SUV and was arrested. Agents seized 56 grams of crack

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cocaine and about \$1,700 in cash from the SUV. Agents later seized about \$7,300 in cash from his apartment on Rutherglen Avenue in Providence.

White's previous convictions that factored into his sentence were for drug-trafficking in North Carolina and Massachusetts and assaulting a correctional officer in Massachusetts.

The Drug Enforcement Administration and the DEA Task Force investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Browne and Stephen G. Dambruch prosecuted it.

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